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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Electric Trench Digger Demonstration

1. On 7 April 1959 I demonstrated (at TSL) the electric trench digger to [redacted] of TSS/ASD. 25X1
The purpose was to decide what should be done with this unit. 25X1
Both [redacted] used the digger and became familiar with the operation of the generating equipment in the Volkswagen.

2. All equipment performed as it should; however, the digging rate was very slow. This was because the wet clay soil had a consistency of putty. Still, the capabilities and limitations of using the electric trench digger were shown.

3. ASD feels that if this unit is to be used overseas, [redacted] is the best location due to its central location in an active area. In the meantime, however, the unit will probably be stored at TSL until an operational use arises. ASD also feels that the noise made while digging will severely limit its usefulness. ASD will notify this division shortly telling us what they would like done with the digger. 25X1

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